GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 0.733 Ha. of forest land in Odalarevu RF of Kakinada Division for laying of underground pipe line from Offshore wells to onshore terminals for KG-DWN-98/2, in favour of M/s. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, Kakinada – Final **(Stage-II)** approval – Accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 53 **Dated: 11-08-2021.**

Read the following:-

1) From PCCF (HoFF), AP, Lr.No.3769/2017/FCA-1, dated.5.4.2018.
2) State Govt.Lr.No.2168/Section.II/2018, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated.31.05.2018.
3) From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr No.4-APB061/2018-CHN/0958, Dt.25.06.2018.
4) From PCCF (HoFF), AP, Lr. No.3769/2017/FCA-1, dated.06.04.2019.
5) State Govt.Lr.No.2168/Section.II/2018, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated.22.04.2019.
6) From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr No.4-APB061/2018-CHN/0763, Dt.07.05.2019.
7) Govt.Memo.No.2168/Section.II/2018, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated. 09.10.2019.
8) From PCCF & HoFF, AP, Lr.No.3769/2017/FCA-3, dated.21.03.2021.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal for diversion of 0.733 Ha. of forest land in Odalarevu RF of Kakinada Division for laying of underground pipe line from Offshore wells to onshore terminals for KG-DWN-98/2, in favour of M/s. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, Kakinada for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 from the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai, have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein. Accordingly, in the letter 5th read above, the State Government furnished the compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai while according in principle (Stage-I) approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai, have accorded approval (Stage-II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.733 Ha. of forest land in Odalarevu RF of Kakinada Division for laying of underground pipe line from Offshore wells to onshore terminals for KG-DWN-98/2, in favour of M/s. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, Kakinada, subject to compliance of certain conditions stipulated therein.

5. In the Memo.7th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force was requested to obtain and furnish the compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the Stage-II approval accorded by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change vide letter 6th read above, for taking further necessary action in the matter.

6. In the letter 8th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has furnished the following compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the Stage-II approval accorded by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change.

Cond No.	Conditions stipulated in the Stage-II approval accorded by GoI, MoEF &CC	Compliance report submitted by PCCF & HoFF
1.	The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	The user agency has agreed to comply with this condition & the Legal status of the forest land will not be changed.
2.	The State Forest Department shall carryout plantation of 10 times the number of trees to be felled in the diverted forest area and its maintenance in nearby degraded forest land from the amount which has been realized from the User Agency. CA scheme and map with DGPS co-ordinates of the degraded forest land to be indentified for plantation shall be furnished to this office within three months from the date of Stage –II approval.	The Divisional Forest Officer, Kakinada has prepared CA scheme with a financial out lay of Rs.1,05,000/- for a period of (7) years in the degraded forest land identified for CA to an extent of 1.50 ha. in Murari RF (compartment no.449) for planting. The DGPS co-ordinates of the degraded forest land is submitted. Further, the user agency has paid the said amount.
3.	Additional amount of Net Present Value of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition.
4.	No permanent building or labour camps shall be established on the forest land. The User agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas.	As reported by the Divisional Forest Officer, the user agency has agreed to comply the condition.
5.	The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition.
6.	The User Agency shall ensure that, after completion of laying of pipeline, the entire stretch falling in forest land shall be cleared of all materials, debris etc., and forest land to be filled back to the original level.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition.
7.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition.
8.	The User agency shall ensure that no disturbance caused to the nearby forest flora & fauna by the road users.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition.
9.	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.733 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition.
10.	The progress of the compensatory afforestation as mentioned by the DFO, Kakinada Forest Division in Sl.No.12	The Conservator of Forests, Rajamahendravaram has monitored the projects for compensatory

	(v)(a) of part-II i.e., 112.087 ha of Forest land and 1633.454 ha of degraded forest land shall be monitored by the circle head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal.	afforestation as mentioned in Sl.No. 12 (v) (a) of Part –II proposals i.e. 112.087 ha of forest land and 1633.454 ha of non-forest land . A copy of the monitoring report is submitted.
11	Any other conditions that the Central Government or ADGF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition.
12	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by ADGF(Central) Regional Office, Chennai.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition.

7. In view of the final approval accorded by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change and compliance report furnished by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur the Government hereby accord Final (Stage-II) approval under Section -2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 0.733 Ha. of forest land in Odalarevu RF of Kakinada Division for laying of underground pipe line from Offshore wells to onshore terminals for KG-DWN-98/2, in favour of M/s. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, Kakinada.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)
VIJAY KUMAR GSRKR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The P.S to Hon'ble Minister (E, FES&T)

The P.S to Secretary to Government, EFS&T Dept.
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